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USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY //ECJ4/7//

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN FMS CREDIT

REF: STATE 224168 (DTG101500Z SEP 76)

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH MOND AYALEW MANDEFRO 21 SEP 76,
CMAAG TOOK OCCASSION TO MAKE POINTS COVERED IN PARA-
GRAPHS 1 AND 2, REF A, HAVING ALREADY PASSED 7.75 PERCENT
INTEREST RATE TO HIM BY PHONE LAST WEEK. AYALEW EXPRESSED
GRATITUDDE FOR BEING SO INFORMED AND STATED HE UNDERSTOOD
AND PERSONALLY AGREED THAT THE POINTS STRONGLY SUPPORTED
THE CASE THAT POLITICAL MOTIVATIONS DID NOT DICTATE
INTEREST RATE.

2. ADVISED THAT USG NEEDS NOTIFICATION OF EPMG INTENTIONS
SOONEST AND ASKED IF A DEFINITE RESPONSE COULD BE EXPECTED,
HE REPLIED THAT HE COULD WRITE CMAAG A LETTER RELATING
THE DECISION THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AND CONVEYED
PREVIOUSLY: THAT IS, AS LONG AS THE INTEREST RATE IS
GREATER THAN 5 PERCENT, IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. HE
STATED THE DRAFT CREDIT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN PASSED ON
TO THE COUNCIL, PMAC CHAIRMAN AND MINISTER OF FINANCE.
LATTER'S VIEW WAS THAT WHILE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
FAVORABLE PROVISIONS IN IT, AS LONG AS THE HIGH INTER-
EST RATE PREVAILED IT COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. AYALEW
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ALSO SAID THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 7.75 PERCENT

INTEREST RATE IN SEPTEMBER HAD NOT ALTERED MINFIN'S POSITION.

3. CMAAG STATED SUCH ADVISORY LETTER WOULD BE USEFUL, SO THAT WASHINGTON COULD BE DEFINITIVELY INFORMED OF THE DECISION, MOND AGAIN SAYING HE COULD WRITE SUCH BUT WITHOUT MAKING SPECIFIC COMMITMENT TO DO SO. IT, THEREFORE, REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER WE ARE ADVISED FIRMLY AND FINALLY IN WRITING BEFORE 30 SEPT; BUT IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT ISSUE IS DEAD FOR PRESENT, BARRING UNFORESEEN TURN OF EVENTS.

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